TEXAS
LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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JOB GROWTH REFLECTED IN GOVERNMENT UPSWING

Texas Unemployment Rate Edges Up

The Texas actual (not seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate increased slightly from 6.3 percent in August to 6.4 percent in September. The current rate was above the September 1990 rate of 6.2 percent. The number of jobless Texans rose by 5,900 from August to an estimated 546,600 in mid-September. Total employment declined over the month, with the current estimate of 7,978,200 just above the year-ago level. Seasonal factors played the main role in the employment decline because September follows the peak summer period of employment.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate also rose slightly over the month, from 6.5 percent in August to 6.6 percent in September. The seasonally adjusted U. S. jobless rate fell one-tenth of a percent over the month to 6.7 percent. The actual U. S. rate fell from 6.5 in August to 6.4 percent in September.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase Seasonally

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment in Texas totaled 7,135,800 in September '91, which represented a growth of 42,000 jobs over the month. The over-the-year change was a gain of 74,400.

Total **Nonmanufacturing** rose by 45,800 from August. At 6,159,600, this was up 85,900 over the year. Although nearly all major Nonmanufacturing sectors fell over the month, a substantial rise in **Government** caused an overall growth from August. Total Government, at 1,302,700, was up 57,600 over the month, and up 33,300 over the year. State and Local Government showed this increase, due mostly to the completion of hiring for the fall school term. State Government increased by 9,600, while Local Government was up by 49,000. Federal Government experienced a significant drop due to internal restructuring taking place within the defense portion. *[continued on page 3]*

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Sept.'91	Aug. '91	Sept.'90
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	125,405.0	126,096.0	124,779.0
Unemployment	8,070.0	8,237.0	6,818.0
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.5%	5.5%
Total Employment	117,335.0	117,859.0	117,961.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	125,607.0	124,904.0	124,970.0
Unemployment	8,442.0	8,488.0	7,087.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	6.8%	5.7%
Total Employment	117,165.0	116,416.0	117,883.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,524.8	8,545.2	8,490.7
Unemployment	546.6	540.7	525.6
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.3%	6.2%
Total Employment	7,978.2	8,004.5	7,965.1
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,515.0	8,467.0	8,474.0
Unemployment	559.0	547.0	534.0
Percent Unemployed	6.6%	6.5%	6.3%
Total Employment	7,956.0	7,920.0	7,940.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✚
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Sept.'91*	Aug.'91**	Sept.'90**	Sept.'91*	Aug.'91**	Sept.'90**	Sept.'91*	Aug.'91**	Sept.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,800	49,300	51,300	95,500	95,900	97,100	444,900	436,500	442,500
Total Unemployment	3,400	2,700	3,300	4,600	4,600	5,000	20,900	21,000	20,900
Percent Unemployed	6.7%	5.5%	6.4%	4.8%	4.8%	5.1%	4.7%	4.8%	4.7%
Total Employment ++	47,400	46,600	48,000	90,900	91,300	92,100	424,000	415,500	421,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	172,700	172,800	167,200	89,700	89,700	87,700	106,100	108,700	104,400
Total Unemployment	12,700	13,200	12,300	4,900	5,000	5,000	12,300	12,900	12,000
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.6%	7.4%	5.5%	5.6%	5.7%	11.6%	11.9%	11.5%
Total Employment ++	160,000	159,600	154,900	84,800	84,700	82,700	93,800	95,800	92,400
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,000	59,700	62,200	168,500	170,600	165,300	1,443.7	1,448.2	1,440.6
Total Unemployment	2,200	2,000	2,200	13,000	13,000	11,700	86.8	84.4	77.5
Percent Unemployed	3.6%	3.4%	3.5%	7.7%	7.6%	7.1%	6.0%	5.8%	5.4%
Total Employment ++	58,800	57,700	60,000	155,500	157,600	153,600	1,356.9	1,363.8	1,363.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	251,700	252,800	252,500	738,500	742,700	738,400	110,900	112,400	110,500
Total Unemployment	25,600	25,500	27,800	47,600	48,000	38,000	7,200	7,600	8,100
Percent Unemployed	10.2%	10.1%	11.0%	6.4%	6.5%	5.1%	6.5%	6.8%	7.3%
Total Employment ++	226,100	227,300	224,700	690,900	694,700	700,400	103,700	104,800	102,400
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,759.4	1,769.4	1,744.9	96,800	97,400	97,200	51,700	51,700	52,800
Total Unemployment	100.8	99.1	95.3	6,500	6,300	6,900	4,200	4,100	4,900
Percent Unemployed	5.7%	5.6%	5.5%	6.7%	6.5%	7.1%	8.1%	7.9%	9.3%
Total Employment ++	1,658.6	1,670.3	1,649.6	90,300	91,100	90,300	47,500	47,600	47,900
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	78,400	79,000	79,800	115,000	115,900	116,400	154,600	152,800	156,900
Total Unemployment	6,000	6,100	5,700	6,200	6,600	5,800	24,900	23,200	26,800
Percent Unemployed	7.7%	7.7%	7.1%	5.4%	5.7%	5.0%	16.1%	15.2%	17.1%
Total Employment ++	72,400	72,900	74,100	108,800	109,300	110,600	129,700	129,600	130,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,200	48,700	47,700	53,000	53,300	51,200	43,900	43,000	43,900
Total Unemployment	2,600	2,800	2,700	3,600	3,600	3,000	2,400	2,300	2,500
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.7%	5.7%	6.8%	6.8%	5.9%	5.5%	5.3%	5.7%
Total Employment ++	45,600	45,900	45,000	49,400	49,700	48,200	41,500	40,700	41,400
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	602,100	601,700	606,600	47,100	47,100	47,400	56,300	56,600	56,700
Total Unemployment	37,500	38,000	43,300	2,900	2,900	2,500	4,300	4,400	3,500
Percent Unemployed	6.2%	6.3%	7.1%	6.2%	6.2%	5.3%	7.6%	7.8%	6.2%
Total Employment ++	564,600	563,700	563,300	44,200	44,200	44,900	52,000	52,200	53,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,000	74,100	74,600	36,800	36,700	35,700	92,600	91,700	93,700
Total Unemployment	4,700	4,600	4,900	1,800	1,800	1,800	5,700	5,900	5,700
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.2%	6.6%	4.9%	4.9%	5.0%	6.2%	6.4%	6.1%
Total Employment ++	69,300	69,500	69,700	35,000	34,900	33,900	86,900	85,800	88,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,800	55,100	55,200				8,524.8	8,545.2	8,490.7
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,600	3,600				546.6	540.7	525.6
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.5%	6.5%				6.4%	6.3%	6.2%
Total Employment ++	51,300	51,500	51,600				7,978.2	8,004.5	7,965.1

✚ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

Manufacturing's largest decrease occurred in **Wholesale and Retail Trade**, down 3,800 from August. At 1,718,000, this was up 5,700 from September '90. Wholesale Trade decreased by 1,300, while Retail Trade was down by 2,500. The only gains in Retail occurred in General Merchandise Stores, up by 1,500, and in Food Stores, up by 600. The largest losses in Retail Trade, both seasonal in nature, were seen in Apparel and Accessory Stores, down by 1,900, and in Eating and Drinking Places, down by 1,800. These losses were due to temporary employees and students leaving their summer jobs.

Mining showed a loss of 2,900 over the month, and of 2,300 over the year. While Metal and Coal and Nonmetalic Minerals, Except Fuel decreased by 200, Oil and Gas Extraction lost 2,700 jobs, signaling a sharp decline in drilling activity.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate declined by 2,000 from August. At 427,500, this was also down by 1,600 over the year. The shutdown or merger of a number of national commercial banks produced a loss of 800 in Depository Institutions, Including Banks. Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate decreased by 1,200.

Services lost 1,600 over the month. At 1,751,600, this was up by 35,300 from a year ago. The largest loss in Services was found in Other Service and Miscellaneous, down by 3,500 from August. Civic, Social and Fraternal Associations reported the bulk of this decline as seasonal activities closed. Other significant seasonal losses occurred in Amusement, Including Motion Pictures, down by 1,100, and in Hotels and Other Lodging Places, down by 1,000, as the summer months' activities started winding down. The largest increase in Services occurred in Health Services. Medical and Dental Labs and Home Health Care Services showed a considerable increase with several new facilities added throughout the State. Educational Services also had a significant increase of 1,800 due to part-time faculty hiring.

Transportation and Public Utilities dropped 1,300 jobs from August to September. At 435,300, this was above the year-ago figure by 7,300. Other Transportation represented the largest loss in the Transportation sector, losing 800 jobs over the month. All other segments of Transportation also fell, except Railroad Transportation, which remained the same from August to September.

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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	SEPT. '91*	AUG. '91**	SEPT. '90**	Chg. from AUG. '91	Chg. from SEPT. '90
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**7,135,800**	**7,093,800**	**7,061,400**	**42,000**	**74,400**
MANUFACTURING	**976,200**	**980,000**	**987,700**	**-3,800**	**-11,500**
Durable Goods	**544,200**	**548,600**	**565,600**	**-4,400**	**-21,400**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,700	31,900	31,700	-200	0
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,700	7,600	-100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	15,200	14,900	16,000	300	-800
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	33,200	33,500	34,700	-300	-1,500
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,100	14,200	14,900	-100	-800
Primary Metal Industries	30,100	30,000	30,100	100	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,900	81,000	81,600	-100	-700
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	39,500	39,600	40,400	-100	-900
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	113,900	115,200	115,100	-1,300	-1,200
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	27,400	27,700	26,100	-300	1,300
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	97,200	99,200	104,300	-2,000	-7,100
Transportation Equipment	86,700	87,500	97,300	-800	-10,600
Aircraft & Parts	59,800	60,200	69,800	-400	-10,000
Instruments & Related Prod.	39,200	39,400	39,000	-200	200
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	16,100	16,000	15,800	100	300
Nondurable Goods	**432,000**	**431,400**	**422,100**	**600**	**9,900**
Food & Kindred Products	102,600	102,300	101,000	300	1,600
Meat Products	31,800	31,200	31,000	600	800
Dairy Products	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Bakery Products	9,700	9,600	9,700	100	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,000	0	100
Textile Mill Products	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	56,600	56,200	55,000	400	1,600
Paper & Allied Products	24,600	24,600	24,500	0	100
Printing & Publishing	74,500	74,400	73,500	100	1,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,400	35,500	35,600	-100	-200
Chemicals & Allied Products	89,300	89,500	84,800	-200	4,500
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,200	31,200	29,300	0	1,900
Petroleum Refining	28,000	28,000	26,000	0	2,000
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	42,100	42,000	42,500	100	-400
Leather & Leather Products	6,900	7,000	7,200	-100	-300
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**6,159,600**	**6,113,800**	**6,073,700**	**45,800**	**85,900**
Mining	**178,400**	**181,300**	**180,700**	**-2,900**	**-2,300**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	9,200	9,400	9,400	-200	-200
Oil & Gas Extraction	169,200	171,900	171,300	-2,700	-2,100
Construction	**346,100**	**346,300**	**337,900**	**-200**	**8,200**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**435,300**	**436,600**	**428,000**	**-1,300**	**7,300**
Railroad Transportation	18,200	18,200	18,700	0	-500
Other Transportation	249,900	250,700	241,800	-800	8,100
Transportation by Air	83,100	83,300	76,800	-200	6,300
Communications	88,100	88,200	89,000	-100	-900
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,100	79,500	78,500	-400	600
Electric Services	40,300	40,600	40,400	-300	-100
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	27,000	27,000	-100	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,718,000**	**1,721,800**	**1,712,300**	**-3,800**	**5,700**
Wholesale Trade	421,900	423,200	422,900	-1,300	-1,000
Retail Trade	1,296,100	1,298,600	1,289,400	-2,500	6,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	40,100	40,500	40,400	-400	-300
General Merchandise Stores	181,500	180,000	181,200	1,500	300
Food Stores	237,900	237,300	237,100	600	800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	138,800	138,900	137,900	-100	900
Apparel & Accessory Stores	75,500	77,400	77,700	-1,900	-2,200
Eating & Drinking Places	444,300	446,100	431,300	-1,800	13,000
Other Retail Trade	178,000	178,400	183,800	-400	-5,800
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**427,500**	**429,500**	**429,100**	**-2,000**	**-1,600**
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	124,800	125,600	128,700	-800	-3,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	145,800	145,800	143,000	0	2,800
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	156,900	158,100	157,400	-1,200	-500
Services	**1,751,600**	**1,753,200**	**1,716,300**	**-1,600**	**35,300**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,000	87,000	86,600	-1,000	-600
Personal Services	79,600	79,400	78,300	200	1,300
Business & Repair Services	449,200	449,300	449,800	-100	-600
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	78,100	79,200	79,100	-1,100	-1,000
Health Services	506,200	504,200	476,000	2,000	30,200
Educational Services	81,900	80,100	85,100	1,800	-3,200
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	154,000	153,900	152,000	100	2,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	316,600	320,100	309,400	-3,500	7,200
Total Government	**1,302,700**	**1,245,100**	**1,269,400**	**57,600**	**33,300**
Federal Government	205,100	206,100	200,000	-1,000	5,100
State Government	290,800	281,200	276,100	9,600	14,700
Local Government	806,800	757,800	793,300	49,000	13,500

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Sept.'91*	Aug. '91**	Sept.'90**	Sept.'91*	Aug.'91**	Sept.'90**	Sept.'91*	Aug.'91**	Sept.'90**	Sept.'91*	Aug.'91**	Sept.'90**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	48,600	47,400	48,800	78,600	77,700	78,800	383,600	372,300	382,400	150,300	148,700	144,200
Manufacturing	4,400	4,500	4,500	8,900	8,600	8,400	48,700	48,800	49,200	25,900	26,300	25,500
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,600	900	1,000	1,100	700	700	700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Construction	1,600	1,600	1,600	3,000	3,100	3,300	12,400	12,500	12,400	14,500	14,600	11,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,800	5,600	5,700	5,600	12,000	12,000	11,800	9,600	9,600	9,600
Trade	12,700	12,700	12,700	22,800	22,900	22,900	76,800	76,800	77,300	33,700	33,600	33,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	2,000	1,900	4,200	4,300	4,300	23,300	23,200	23,500	5,500	5,500	5,400
Services & Misc.	14,600	13,900	14,500	18,200	18,300	18,100	99,600	99,500	98,000	37,500	37,100	35,900
Government	9,200	8,600	9,200	15,000	13,800	15,100	110,100	98,800	109,500	21,700	20,100	21,400
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	68,900	67,600	66,500	77,400	78,200	75,000	53,500	51,900	54,200	138,200	137,900	136,100
Manufacturing	17,000	17,000	16,700	12,300	12,400	11,500	3,500	3,600	3,600	12,200	12,200	12,300
Mining	1,800	1,900	2,100	—	—	—	500	500	600	4,100	4,100	3,900
Construction	9,600	8,900	8,600	2,400	2,400	2,300	1,800	1,900	1,900	11,700	11,700	13,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,100	3,100	2,900	3,500	3,600	3,200	1,400	1,400	1,300	6,500	6,500	6,600
Trade	13,100	13,000	12,600	20,900	21,000	20,300	11,500	11,000	11,700	32,600	32,700	32,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	3,700	3,800	3,400	1,800	1,700	1,900	6,200	6,300	6,200
Services & Misc.	10,000	10,100	9,700	17,800	18,300	16,800	10,800	10,500	10,500	34,000	33,700	32,200
Government	12,500	11,800	12,100	16,800	16,700	17,500	22,200	21,300	22,700	30,900	30,700	29,600
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,376.6	1,370.5	1,379.3	209,800	208,800	208,600	587,200	584,100	593,000	77,300	77,200	77,000
Manufacturing	211.9	213.8	220.7	40,800	41,000	42,700	103,700	103,800	118,700	8,600	8,600	8,700
Mining	17.8	18.1	18.0	—	—	—	4,500	4,500	4,500	700	600	600
Construction	46.4	46.9	47.9	7,600	7,800	7,800	22,300	22,800	22,900	4,200	4,200	4,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	84.6	84.6	83.0	10,800	10,800	11,100	57,700	57,400	56,100	5,400	5,400	5,200
Trade	355.5	355.5	353.7	52,700	52,900	52,000	151,000	151,900	151,100	15,500	15,600	15,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	122.7	122.9	125.6	8,100	8,100	8,300	26,600	26,900	27,300	5,100	5,100	5,100
Services & Misc.	375.0	373.7	369.0	44,800	45,200	43,300	142,200	142,400	136,900	15,300	15,700	15,300
Government	162.7	155.0	161.4	45,000	43,000	43,400	79,200	74,400	75,500	22,500	22,000	22,400
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,636.8	1,632.9	1,612.2	74,800	74,500	74,100	45,300	44,900	45,000	69,100	69,000	69,400
Manufacturing	177.2	178.9	176.0	8,700	8,700	8,700	1,500	1,600	1,700	16,200	16,100	16,200
Mining	71.6	73.2	69.6	—	—	—	1,800	1,700	1,800	3,300	3,400	3,500
Construction	110.0	109.6	112.7	2,500	2,600	2,500	1,200	1,200	1,300	3,900	3,800	3,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	113.1	114.1	110.7	2,500	2,500	2,500	6,500	6,400	6,200	3,600	3,600	3,500
Trade	374.3	375.2	373.3	16,800	16,900	16,300	14,000	13,800	14,300	16,900	17,100	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	101.0	102.3	103.3	3,500	3,500	3,400	1,700	1,700	1,800	2,600	2,600	2,600
Services & Misc.	476.7	477.5	461.3	17,900	18,000	17,700	8,400	8,400	8,000	14,100	14,100	14,000
Government	212.9	202.1	205.3	22,900	22,300	23,000	10,200	10,100	9,900	8,500	8,300	8,600
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	98,000	97,300	99,100	102,100	101,400	101,100	45,500	45,100	43,900	45,000	44,900	43,700
Manufacturing	7,100	7,100	7,100	13,000	13,200	13,600	2,400	2,200	2,200	4,600	4,700	4,100
Mining	200	200	200	800	800	900	9,000	9,100	8,900	5,100	5,100	5,200
Construction	3,900	4,100	3,500	4,400	4,500	4,500	1,500	1,600	1,400	2,400	2,400	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,300	5,000	5,400	3,200	3,200	3,200	2,500	2,500	2,300	2,200	2,200	2,000
Trade	28,300	28,100	28,900	32,200	31,500	31,300	10,900	10,800	10,400	12,800	13,000	12,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,700	5,500	3,900	3,900	4,000	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,300	1,300	1,500
Services & Misc.	24,800	24,700	25,600	18,300	18,400	17,600	9,700	9,900	9,400	8,300	8,300	8,100
Government	22,800	22,400	22,900	26,300	25,900	26,000	7,300	6,800	7,000	8,300	7,900	8,000
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	37,000	36,100	36,300	523,400	515,200	520,800	37,900	37,400	38,300	45,800	45,600	46,900
Manufacturing	4,900	4,900	5,000	43,800	44,100	43,400	10,600	10,900	11,200	6,500	6,600	7,000
Mining	400	400	500	1,800	1,800	1,800	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,100	22,600	22,500	22,500	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,500	22,700	22,500	21,900	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,400	2,400	2,400
Trade	9,200	8,800	8,900	132,200	132,600	131,300	8,000	8,000	7,900	11,000	11,000	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600	37,600	37,700	39,500	2,100	2,100	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,400	9,200	9,100	141,200	139,900	141,300	9,700	9,200	9,700	11,400	11,400	11,200
Government	7,600	7,300	7,600	121,500	114,100	119,100	4,500	4,200	4,400	11,300	11,000	11,800
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	63,400	62,900	62,600	29,600	28,900	28,200	82,600	80,600	82,700	49,900	49,600	50,300
Manufacturing	11,300	11,200	11,300	3,200	3,100	3,000	15,500	15,500	15,600	8,000	8,000	8,400
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,500	1,600	1,600	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,800	1,800	1,600	3,200	3,200	3,000	1,700	1,700	1,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,400	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,300	3,500	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	15,800	15,800	16,000	7,800	7,800	7,600	19,100	19,400	19,100	11,500	11,600	11,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,500	1,600	1,600	1,600	5,200	5,200	5,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Services & Misc.	16,500	16,500	16,200	6,900	6,800	6,300	22,800	21,500	22,800	12,900	12,800	12,700
Government	9,900	9,500	9,300	5,400	4,800	5,100	13,400	12,500	13,400	9,600	9,300	9,500

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Sept.'91*	Aug.'91	Sept.'90	Sept.'91*	Aug.'91	Sept.'90	Sept.'91*	Aug.'91	Sept.'90
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 465.86	$ 457.45	$ 445.42	42.7	42.2	42.3	$ 10.91	$10.84	$10.53
Durable Goods	454.33	448.38	439.69	42.7	42.3	42.4	10.64	10.60	10.37
Lumber & Wood Products	336.93	334.41	315.56	43.7	43.6	42.3	7.71	7.67	7.46
Furniture & Fixtures	326.80	330.60	288.32	43.0	43.5	40.1	7.60	7.60	7.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	425.30	412.59	430.22	43.8	42.8	43.5	9.71	9.64	9.89
Primary Metal Industries	499.66	505.76	503.88	43.0	43.6	44.2	11.62	11.60	11.40
Fabricated Metal Products	433.82	429.66	408.59	43.6	43.4	43.1	9.95	9.90	9.48
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	450.66	440.30	450.75	43.5	42.5	43.3	10.36	10.36	10.41
Oil Field Machinery	540.92	529.38	583.98	47.7	46.6	49.7	11.34	11.36	11.75
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	459.19	446.69	468.12	40.6	39.6	41.5	11.31	11.28	11.28
Transportation Equipment	608.10	603.62	550.74	42.2	42.3	41.1	14.41	14.27	13.40
Instruments & Related Prod.	440.58	427.63	415.83	42.0	41.0	41.5	10.49	10.43	10.02
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	311.65	317.14	288.64	39.7	40.4	38.9	7.85	7.85	7.42
Nondurable Goods	477.97	468.15	451.73	42.6	42.1	42.1	11.22	11.12	10.73
Food & Kindred Products	388.33	393.27	367.18	43.1	43.6	43.3	9.01	9.02	8.48
Meat Products	300.15	301.71	289.96	43.5	43.6	43.8	6.90	6.92	6.62
Malt Beverages	957.25	995.86	897.82	48.2	49.3	48.4	19.86	20.20	18.55
Textile Mill Products	384.34	373.50	350.76	45.7	45.0	43.9	8.41	8.30	7.99
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	235.01	223.61	214.27	38.4	36.9	37.2	6.12	6.06	5.76
Paper & Allied Products	534.89	518.76	511.66	45.6	44.0	45.4	11.73	11.79	11.27
Printing & Publishing	451.88	443.70	433.49	40.6	40.3	40.4	11.13	11.01	10.73
Chemicals & Allied Products	750.62	721.82	726.33	44.6	43.8	44.1	16.83	16.48	16.47
Petroleum & Coal Products	814.27	773.52	773.87	45.9	44.0	45.9	17.74	17.58	16.86
Petroleum Refining	842.72	798.04	806.38	45.9	43.8	46.0	18.36	18.22	17.53
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	411.08	413.08	388.54	43.0	43.3	41.6	9.56	9.54	9.34
Leather & Leather Products	265.56	267.92	271.83	39.4	39.4	41.0	6.74	6.80	6.63
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	666.85	646.11	632.92	45.8	44.9	46.3	14.56	14.39	13.67
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	690.41	666.79	620.00	51.6	50.4	49.6	13.38	13.23	12.50
Oil & Gas Extraction	665.56	644.36	633.88	45.4	44.5	46.1	14.66	14.48	13.75
Communications	559.99	553.38	553.20	40.2	40.1	41.5	13.93	13.80	13.33
Elec., Gas & San. Services	579.49	563.46	574.52	41.6	41.8	43.1	13.93	13.48	13.33
Wholesale & Retail Trade	253.10	251.13	246.13	32.7	33.0	32.6	7.74	7.61	7.55
Wholesale Trade	444.21	432.63	434.56	40.2	39.8	40.2	11.05	10.87	10.81
Retail Trade	196.73	197.47	189.98	30.5	31.0	30.3	6.45	6.37	6.27
General Merchandise Stores	198.47	198.86	186.78	30.3	30.5	29.6	6.55	6.52	6.31
Depository Inst. inc. Banks	347.60	320.84	338.30	39.1	36.5	39.2	8.89	8.79	8.63

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 452.15	$ 444.11	$ 438.53	42.1	41.7	42.7	$ 10.74	$ 10.65	$ 10.27
Durable Goods	471.24	457.60	457.96	42.0	41.3	42.8	11.22	11.08	10.70
Nondurable Goods	421.31	421.31	403.22	42.3	42.3	42.4	9.96	9.96	9.51
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	506.94	502.68	471.33	42.6	42.6	41.2	11.90	11.80	11.44
Durable Goods	529.09	522.79	491.93	42.6	42.4	41.2	12.42	12.33	11.94
Nondurable Goods	460.70	460.75	423.54	42.5	42.9	41.2	10.84	10.74	10.28
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	566.55	553.75	551.75	45.0	44.3	45.3	12.59	12.50	12.18
Durable Goods	487.61	481.42	471.50	44.9	44.7	45.6	10.86	10.77	10.34
Nondurable Goods	666.58	645.17	653.40	45.1	43.8	45.0	14.78	14.73	14.52
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	339.49	335.70	324.24	41.1	40.3	41.2	8.26	8.33	7.87
Durable Goods	346.94	342.23	330.64	41.5	40.5	41.8	8.36	8.45	7.91
Nondurable Goods	332.93	327.60	317.90	40.8	40.0	40.6	8.16	8.19	7.83

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Construction experienced the smallest loss of any Nonmanufacturing sector, losing 200 jobs over the month. At 346,100, this was up 8,200 from September '90.

Manufacturing showed a decrease of 3,800 from August. This represented 976,200 jobs, which was down by 11,500 from one year ago. **Durable Goods** decreased by 4,400 over the month. The largest decrease in Durables was found in Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment. Early retirement incentives offered by an influential manufacturer in this sector helped to reduce employment by 2,000. Response to this newly established program was so positive that proposed layoffs were limited. Industrial Machinery and Equipment experienced a decrease of 1,300 from August. Contracts being completed was partly the reason for the drop. Transportation Equipment was down by 800 over the month. Half of this loss was found in Aircraft and Parts. **Nondurable Goods** increased by 600 from August. The largest gain, also of 600, was found within Food and Kindred Products, in Meat Products.

Average Weekly Earnings Rise

For the estimated 641,100 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings increased by seven cents in September. Average Weekly Hours were up by five-tenths of an hour over the month. Average Weekly Earnings increased by $8.41 from August.

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TEC ACTIVITIES

	Sept.'91	Sept.'90
Total Population	17,324,500*	17,170,600*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.8	1.5
UI Covered Employers	323,855	316,855
Total Claims Actions	603,001	469,432
Total Initial Claims Actions	65,267	53,376
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	537,734	416,056
Total Placements	31,510	32,531
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$165.70	$155.50
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$72,121,277	$50,680,706

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
THIRD QUARTER 1991 (JULY-SEPT.)

Abilene	$1,056,848
Amarillo	1,897,339
Austin	9,007,777
Beaumont-Port Arthur	6,352,282
Brazoria	2,170,573
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,387,935
Bryan-College Station	643,563
Corpus Christi	5,068,210
Dallas	45,392,823
El Paso	8,026,102
Fort Worth-Arlington	28,803,411
Galveston-Texas City	3,617,109
Houston	47,141,578
Killeen-Temple	1,596,551
Laredo	1,250,543
Longview-Marshall	2,724,351
Lubbock	2,476,847
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	6,590,834
Midland	1,112,463
Odessa	1,670,572
San Angelo	889,897
San Antonio	13,217,413
Sherman-Denison	1,315,566
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	914,315
Tyler	1,846,565
Victoria	667,407
Waco	2,852,738
Wichita Falls	1,529,083

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